

provided. Our children are very important to our future and I am pleased to know that they are in such capable hands. I commend Mike for his outstanding career in the field of education and congratulate him for his dedication.●

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM EXTENSION

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Senate's passage last night of S. 1995, legislation I cosponsored to authorize construction of a Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum extension at Washington Dulles International Airport. This Dulles center, which will be built without any Federal funds, will provide crucial additional exhibit space for displaying national aviation treasures to the public.

The current Air and Space Museum on the Mall is filled to capacity. There is no room to store any more of our large, invaluable aviation artifacts. These artifacts are currently stored in warehouses, hidden from the public, and some even stored outside, where they are exposed to the elements. The passage of S. 1995 places us on track to provide a safe and secure facility to house and preserve, for the public, these historical aircraft and spacecraft such as the B-29 *Enola Gay*, the Space Shuttle *Enterprise*, and the SR-71 *Blackbird*. This bill seeks to save these irreplaceable artifacts for our children and our future generations.

Mr. President, in 1946, President Truman, believing in the importance of preserving our historical aircraft, signed Public Law 722 establishing the National Air Museum. Twenty years later, in 1966, President Johnson understood the importance of this museum and signed the law authorizing construction of a National Air and Space Museum, which expanded the museum's collection efforts to include spacecraft and lunar artifacts. This museum was built on the National Mall here in Washington, opening its doors in 1976 and becoming the world's most visited museum, averaging over 8 million visitors per year.

In keeping with this tradition of preservation and planning for the future, the Senate has passed S. 1995. When it becomes law, we will be able to house historical air and spacecraft, underscoring the major advances we have developed and the contributions to history we have made. Construction efforts for the Air and Space extension at Dulles, estimated to cost \$200 million, represents exemplary coordination between public funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia and private sources. It is expected that the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center could be completed by 2003, in time for the 100 year anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight. This Dulles Center is an incredible, historical effort that will be a

benefit to us now and for generations to come.●

NEW HAMPSHIRE OLYMPIAN, BARBARA MAROIS

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Marois of Dover, NH for her competition in the 1996 summer Olympic games in Atlanta. Barb captained the women's field hockey team in their impressive series of games. This year's Olympic hockey team is the best team the United States has ever fielded. New Hampshire is proud of Barb's dedication and commitment to training for such a competitive sport.

Barb competed with the 1988 U.S. Olympic field hockey team in Seoul and this year she led the team into competition on home turf. Her long sports career, beginning 10 years ago, bears the marks of distinction and excellence. Barb has competed in 119 international contests and her team placed third in the 1994 World Cup. Field hockey has been gaining popularity over recent years, largely because of outstanding athletes in the sport like her.

The women's field hockey team gave an outstanding performance at this year's Olympic games. They defeated the No. 2 ranked South Korean team with a 3-2 victory and tied the well-respected Dutch team with a score of 1-1. Incidentally, the final point in the game with South Korea was scored by Barb from one of the penalty corners. She is known as a steady defensive force and a powerful weapon on penalty corners by her teammates. During the games she scored one goal and had 38 interceptions and 3 steals.

Barb is arguably one of the keys to the field hockey team's improvement over the last few years. This national team captain is the team mentor and maker of history in field hockey. She is a three time U.S. Field Hockey Association Female Athlete of the Year and has been an assistant coach at her alma mater, the University of New Hampshire.

Barb's distinguished record is the mark of an Olympian and a champion. Her driving spirit has enabled her to pursue her sport with determination and follow her dream. New Hampshire has followed her career and she has made the Granite State proud. Many people watched Barb lead the women's field hockey team. I join them in saluting her for representing them at the 1996 summer Olympic games and I commend her for her efforts in Atlanta. Congratulations Barb.●

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a West Virginian who serves as a model and inspiration for the entire Nation. On June 26, 1996, Denice Reese, of Hendricks, WV, was named "National School

Nurse of the Year" by the National Association of School Nurses. Along with all the people of West Virginia, I am proud of the accomplishments of Denice Reese. She is an example of dedicated and skilled school nurses everywhere, and especially of the 127 school nurses of West Virginia. I join her colleagues in recognition and praise for her service to the children and families of the Tucker County, WV, school system.

Denice Reese is the first—and only—school nurse for the 4 schools and 1,400 students of Tucker County, whom she has served for the past 8 years. By naming her the "National School Nurse of the Year," her peers have recognized her outstanding work in this rural school district with many needs but few resources.

Among her professional accomplishments, she helped get the Tucker County system designated as a pilot area for the Healthy Schools project. She has been an innovative leader, and has created model student and faculty health education programs. She has collaborated with other professionals to optimize the use of school system resources for health promotion and disease prevention.

At a time when health, nutrition, and education programs for our Nation's children are in jeopardy, the work of the country's school nurses stands as an inspiration and reminder that our children are our future. On behalf of all Americans who are working to ensure that the Nation maintains its investment in the health and well-being of its children, I express gratitude for the partnership of our school nurses. Mr. President, I congratulate Denice Reese on her accomplishments, and wish her all the best as she continues her important work on behalf of the people of Tucker County.●

BARRY ALBERT, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Barry Albert for receiving New Hampshire's Middle School Principal of the Year award. Barry is principal of Franklin Middle School, a position he has held since 1990. As a former teacher and school board chairman myself, I congratulate him for receiving this prestigious recognition.

Barry has had a long and distinguished career in education. He graduated from Plymouth State College in 1970 with a bachelors degree in secondary education and earned a master's in learning disabilities and special education from Rivier College in 1977. In addition, Barry was a teacher at Merrimack High School and the coordinator of Raymond Middle School. For over 20 years he has been serving the students of New Hampshire and pursuing excellence in education. He has built a reputation for achievement among his colleagues in many areas, from teaching to administration.